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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SCALABLE HANDLING OF NON-TREE
STRUCTURES IN PARSER TREE RECONSTRUCTION

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2005, for which the shortened statutory time for reply extends to October 14, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

The Office Action provisionally rejected all pending claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-26, and 40-53 for alleged obviousness-type double patenting over claims of co-pending application 09/896,044, which issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,954,925 after the mailing date of the Office Action. Applicant disagrees with the substance of the rejection, but to expedite prosecution, Applicant assumes that the Examiner would confirm the provisional rejection in the next Office communication, and submits a terminal disclaimer in view of the '925 patent. Applicant believes that the terminal disclaimer obviates the rejection.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amend, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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The Office Action raises no other issues, and therefore the Applicant believes that all pending claims 1-7, 9-20, 22-26, and 40-53 are in condition for allowance.

A law firm check for the applicable terminal disclaimer fee is enclosed. If the fee is missing or insufficient, the Director is hereby authorized throughout the pendency of this application to charge applicable fees due to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302 (Docket No. 50325-0564).

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner believes that such contact would be helpful in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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